



Manaakitanga **S**how Respect
Rangatiratanga **T**ake Responsibility
Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi **A**im High
Kia Kaha Tonu **N**ever Give Up
Tikanga **D**o the Right Thing
E Tū Kahikatea

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PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent and Whānau

I hope life is slowly returning to normal, or something that looks like it might become positively normal for you and your family. Thank you for supporting our alert level two rules at school, our children are generally doing well and settling back into the routines and expectations of school life.

Home Learning Survey

We received 64 responses to the home learning survey we sent out a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for your feedback. A few of the results from the survey were:

74% replied that *the school's expectations about your children's commitment to home learning* were extremely or quite realistic

71% replied that *the school's expectations about your commitment to supporting your child's home learning* were extremely or quite realistic

95% replied that *communication from your children's teachers* was extremely or quite good

87% replied that the home learning experience *improved their knowledge of school and how their child learns*.

We particularly appreciated the constructive comments on the survey and we are looking at these for ways that we can keep some of the improvements going now that we are back into the normal way of doing things.

Your responses to the offer of parent education opportunities to help you feel more confident supporting your child's learning at home pointed very clearly to wanting help with maths and computer technology. We are organising these and will let you know soon.

You can still do the survey, just click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/dp8qJLg4w2b1BVJ6>

School Travel Plan meetings next week

In the previous newsletter we promoted work being done by staff, parents and the TDC on improving safety for children walking, cycling and scootering to school, and other ideas to increase the number of children and families using these active options for school transport.

Our organiser, Clare Scott, will be in school next week to follow up the plans and I hope you will join us for an hour at either of these times:

Tuesday 9 June, 9.00-10.00am

Thursday 11 June, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Please confirm if you are attending: by phone; 541 8332, or email me:

peter.verstappen@wakefield.school.nz

At these meetings we will present several ideas we are discussing with NZ Transport Authority to improve safety at the Arrow Street crossing on Whitby Road.

Rainwater tank project gets a boost

Big ups to the Toimata Trust and the TDC for a grant of \$500 towards a rainwater tank. The tank will collect rainwater from the roof of the swimming pool to irrigate the school vege garden and orchard. We are about half way towards our target of \$2,000 for this project and the enviro team is planning a fundraiser sale for pre-loved toys and children's books on **Friday 26 June** to get us closer to the goal. It's a great project by our enviro team so please support it.

By the way, if you haven't already seen our vege garden and orchard on Treeton Place I recommend you do - they are both fabulous, even in winter! Thanks to Isobel Ford and her team for these excellent assets to our school and children's learning.

Talking about tough times

We're doing well in the battle against Covid-19 but for some of us the harder times may still lie ahead. At school we notice some children are anxious and finding it hard to settle. If you are concerned about your child please tell us. If you or somebody else in your family is struggling please tell us - we can help in all sorts of confidential and positive ways.

Kia kaha tonu - never give up!

Peter Verstappen

Principal

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WAKEFIELD SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Pool Keys to be Returned

We hope you had a wonderful swimming season over the 2019/2020 season. It is now time to return your key to receive your \$20 bond refund, you must return your key before Monday 29th June to be entitled to receive your bond refund, this is longer than normal but under extra ordinary circumstances with covid-19 we have extended this timeframe. Please return your key to the school office between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

Thanks to those who have already returned their key.

Kind regards

Wakefield School and Community Pool

SPORTS

Wakefield School Cross Country

Our students are well into their training for the school cross country. We have pushed the date back to Friday 26th June in the hope that restrictions on large gatherings will be reduced to allow for our parents and other family members to spectate.

We aim to run the course through the school and Faulkner Bush area as in the past. Years 4, 5 & 6 will run a 2 km course and the juniors will run shorter courses. If the weather is fine the races will start after morning-tea break, at 11.00am, in the Faulkner Bush picnic area. If the weather is wet we will make a call

at 9.00am and just run the seniors (years 4, 5 & 6) after lunch, starting at 2.00pm. This information will be posted on the Wakefield School Facebook page.

All students are expected to take part in this event. Students are running most days so please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing to train in.

Miniball

Unfortunately there has not been enough interest to form a year 3, 4 or 5, 6 team.

FutureFerns Netball

- Year 5/6 – this programme will be 10 weeks and played at 9am & 10am on Saturday mornings (just like last year) starting from **27th June**
- Year 3/4 – this programme will be 9 weeks and offered on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 3.45pm (just like last year) starting from **21st July (Week 1 of Term 3)**
- Year 1/2 – this programme will be 9 weeks and offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3.45pm (just like last year) starting from **21st July (Week 1 of Term 3)**

- Coach Module Training – These are compulsory courses for all futureFERN coaches/administrators and helpers as it will run through the fundamentals and structure of the futureFERN programme.
- Year 5/6 & 7/8 will be run on Wednesday 17th June.
- Year 1/2 & 3/4 will be run on Wednesday 1st July.

Wanderers Junior Rugby Registration

With the recent uncertainty around Junior Rugby this year, we are inviting all who are interested and haven't yet done so to register at: www.sporty.co.nz/wanderersrugbyjn for the coming season! The first game is on the 25th of July and training starts soon!

LIBRARY

Many of the overdue library books have been returned but there are still a number on loan. If you are receiving an automated overdue notice but think the books have been returned, please contact Kathy Ameen in the library. We will need to invoice any lost or overdue books still outstanding, at the end of this term.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club

The latest brochure has been distributed to classrooms. All orders made through the school need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 12th June**. You can alternatively, order online through the Book Club Loop system.

IMPORTANT DATES

	Please Note: Some school events may change due to Covid-19.
11 th June	Arbor Day Planting – Faulkner Bush
24 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
26 th June	Wakefield School Cross Country
03rd July	End of Term 2
20th July	Start of Term 3
22 nd July	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
17 th – 21 st August	Wakefield School Book Week
26 th August	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
23 rd September	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
25th September	End of Term 3



2020 Nelson Hockey Junior Program II

Starts Thursday June 11th at Saxton Hockey Turfs

Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

Nelson Hockey Programmes

Kindy Sticks:

3 & 4 years old: Fun fundamental skill games. Thursdays 3.45 pm - 4.30 pm. Cost is \$ 30 for the 4 week programme.

Fun Sticks:

Year 1 & 2 : Fun skill games, learn the basics of hockey. some competition games.

Thursdays 3.45 pm - 4.30 pm.

Cost is \$30 for the 4 week programme.

Mini Sticks:

Year 2 to 4 : 6 Aside competition, 2 skills practised each week & 30 minute game. Thursdays 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Cost is \$35 for the 4 week programme.

Kiwi Sticks:

Year 4 to 8 : 8 Aside competition, half field game. 2 Skills Practised each week & 30 minute game.

Thursdays 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$40 for the 4 week programme.

For further information - Please contact Nelson hockey

Direct debit

03-1354-0452914-16

Registrations Close JUNE 8th



Regional Development Manager

rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone - 03-5479988

WHENUA ITI OUTDOORS

GO WILD

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A week of mini adventures to get outdoors & have fun!



JULY HOLIDAY DATES:

06 - 10 JUL
(9am - 3pm)

Available to: 7-10 year olds

Cost: \$300 Duration: 5 days (Mon-Fri)

Run by fully qualified and experienced outdoor instructors based at Whenua Iti Outdoors & visiting surrounding wilderness areas. * LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Enrol now to book your spot
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KIDS' Pre-Loved TOYS AND BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER!!

Hi, The Enviro team is having a kids' toy and book sale to raise funds for a rainwater tank for the Wakefield School garden to water the plants in summer and autumn when we don't have a lot of rain.

Please bring your old toys and children's books any time over the next 2 weeks to room 4.

The fundraiser will take place on
Fri 26th June 2020 (week9)
from the Enviro Team